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Security Council

10 a.m.	6018th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Letter dated 31 October 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/703)

Morning[1]	6019th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Morning[2]	6020th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/2008/709)

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6018th meeting.

[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 6019th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	56th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Security Council (A/63/2) [9]

   Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [111]

   Joint debate

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [105]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/528)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/529)

   (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/530)

   (e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/531)

   (f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/532)

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Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Somalia (S/2008/709)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6020th meeting of the Security Council.

3. Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: letter from the Secretary-General (A/63/548) [154]

4. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [110]

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 65 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c), chaired by H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 19.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

There will be a briefing for delegations on the capital master plan (CMP) by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Management, on Tuesday, 25 November 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Norman Miranda, Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance to hear feedback from delegations on the revised draft resolution will be held on Tuesday, 25, and Wednesday, 26 November 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 28th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: commodities . . . . . [47 (d)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.42

2. Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence . . . . . [51 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.34

3. Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries . . . . . [52 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.39

4. Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.40

5. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [38]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.5

6. Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development . [47 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.41 and A/C.2/63/L.9

7. Macroeconomic policy questions: external debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries . . . . . [47 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.38 and A/C.2/63/L.7

8. Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.2/Rev.1 and A/C.2/63/L.2/Rev.1/Add.1

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 42nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 43rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.3/63/L.23, A/C.3/63/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.3/63/L.36 and A/C.3/63/L.43

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9/Rev.1

3. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [62 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [62 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1

5. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46**

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.55

7. Social development: implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . [55 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5/Rev.1

8. Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.14/Rev.1

9. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [63]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.52**

10. Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.45

11. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.28, A/C.3/63/L.29, A/C.3/63/L.31, A/C.3/63/L.32, A/C.3/63/L.35/Rev.1 (and amendments contained in A/C.3/63/L.74 and A/C.3/63/L.75), A/C.3/63/L.38/Rev.1, A/C.3/63/L.41 and A/C.3/63/L.44

12. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [64 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.26, A/C.3/63/L.33 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/63/L.71) and A/C.3/63/L.40

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

Administration of justice (A/63/314, A/63/782, A/62/748 and A/62/748/Corr.1)

Administration of justice in the Secretariat: outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2006 and 2007 and statistics on the disposition of cases and work of the Panel of Counsel (A/63/211)

Activities of the Office of the Ombudsman (A/63/283)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.39 and A/63/545)

Letters dated 18 July 2008, 29 April 2008 and 27 October 2008 (A/63/253, A/C.5/62/27 and A/C.5/63/9)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/63/314, A/63/782, A/62/748, A/62/748/Corr.1, A/63/211, A/63/253, A/C.5/62/27, A/C.5/63/9, A/62/7/Add.39 and A/63/545))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Briefing on the new budget format for peacekeeping
3. African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-770

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee (Guyana))

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-1527A

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of microcredit and microfinance in the Eradication of Poverty" (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Suriname)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Third Committee

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Thursday, 20 November 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

9.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on the omnibus draft resolution on Law of the Sea)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international environmental governance)

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Seventh Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the report of the Human Rights Council)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Thursday, 20 November 2008

2008 Parliamentary Hearing on "Towards effective peacekeeping and the prevention of conflict — Delivering on our commitments" (jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08.htm>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Violence against women: 16 days to make a difference"

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Fifth meeting of the "Friends of Human Security" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, in cooperation with the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carly Cohen, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1571; e-mail carly-cohen@un-japan.org).]

Briefing for Member States by the Executive Director of the Global Forum on Migration and Development

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All Member States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

11.15 a.m. . . . . Mr. Esteban Conejos Jr., Under-Secretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; and Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Director, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (to provide an update on global migration; to review this year's Global Forum on Migration and Development in Manila; and to discuss next year's Forum in Athens)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

1.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict; H.E. Mr. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Permanent Representative of Italy; Mr. Saad Houry, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; and Ismael Beah, Grace Akallo and Kon Kelei, former child soldiers and youth advocates (to launch a new global network of children formerly affected by war)

2.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Aira Kalela, Head of International Affairs, Ministry of the Environment of Finland; Ms. Janet Macharia, Senior Gender Advisor, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); and Ms. Liane Schalatek, Associate Director, Heinrich Böll Foundation North America (on issues relating to gender and climate change)

Security Council stakeout

4 p.m. . . . . H.E Mr. Franz Josef Jung, Minister of Defense of Germany (to hold a press encounter following his meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 21 November 2008, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "The integrated mission planning process" on Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a special meeting in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (314th meeting), on Monday, 24 November 2008, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

Invitations to address the special meeting have been extended to the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council, a representative of Palestine, the Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territory, several intergovernmental organizations, and a representative of civil society.

All Member States and observers, as well as United Nations agencies and bodies, are invited to attend the special meeting. Messages of solidarity should be sent to the Division for Palestinian Rights (room S-3350), which will be published in a special bulletin of the Division.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Guinea-Bissau configuration
Sierra Leone configuration
High-level briefing

There will be a high-level briefing to members of the Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone configurations of the Peacebuilding Commission on "Drug trafficking as a security threat in West Africa", by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, on Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold the second informal briefing on the UNICEF accountability system on Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India)

Monday, 25 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 3. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Friday, 28 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the delegations of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)

Tuesday, 25 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 9 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee (Guyana))

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on South-South cooperation (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Jamaica)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-1527A.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other Co[illegible]

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of Eastern European States (at the expert level)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other activities

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Interactive panel on "Ending impunity and maintaining humanitarian access: Dilemmas in law and practice?" (webcast from United Nations Headquarters by Harvard University, in coordination with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics and the Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room S-2127A (also available in other Headquarters conference rooms).

[All are invited to individually register for the interactive webcast panel at <https://harvardsph.webex.com>. For further information or to register to attend in a conference room, please contact Ms. Hyun Jin Chung, Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer (tel. 1 (212) 963-4144; e-mail chunghj@un.org).]

Briefing by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Allison Torbet, UNODC New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; e-mail torbet@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Monday, 24 November 2008:

Screening of the film entitled "La terre parle arabe", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "The Palestinians: 60 years of struggle and enduring hope", at 6 p.m., in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building (north-east corner).

[All are invited to attend.]

Interactive panel on "On the frontline: Voices of women human rights defenders" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information, the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Permanent Missions of the Netherlands and the Republic of Korea)

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

High-level event on "United voices say *no* to violence against women", on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM))

Tuesday, 25 November 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. To register, please contact Ms. Urjasi Rudra, UNIFEM (tel. 1 (212) 906-3623; e-mail urjasi.rudra@unifem.org). For further information, please visit <www.saynotoviolence.org>.]

UNU panel discussion on "Protracted refugee situations: Political, human rights and security implications" (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Tuesday, 25 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Anna Chrisp, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail anna@ony.unu.edu).]

UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

Monday, 1 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and

Thursday, 4, and Friday, 5 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; all sessions will take place in Conference Room E.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us"

Wednesday, 3 December 2008:

Opening of the International Day

From 9.30 to 9.40 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Seminar on "Implementing the digital accessibility agenda of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (co-organized by UNITAR, G3ict, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, DESA, and the secretariat of the Convention, DESA)

From 9.40 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Multimedia presentation on "Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy efforts on the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on Cluster Munitions: Experience, perspectives and tools from the field" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

From 1.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, UNMAS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4632; e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Musical performances (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Hungary, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register, please visit <http://social.un.org/absolutefp/3Dec08>. For further information, please contact Ms. Céline-Andrée Adotevi, DESA (e-mail adotevi@un.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established.

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations were kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921). As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 19 November 2008

Security Council

6017th meeting

Maintenance of international peace and security

Strengthening collective security through general regulation and reduction of armaments

Letter dated 10 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/697)

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of Costa Rica, in his capacity as President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Spain, Switzerland and the United Republic of Tanzania, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Sergio Duarte, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

The Council also extended an invitation to H.E. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure.

The President, H.E. Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, made introductory remarks.

Mr. Sergio Duarte made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Samuel Lewis Navarro, Vice-President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama, and by the representatives of Viet Nam, the United Kingdom, the United States, the Russian Federation, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Italy, China, Belgium, South Africa, Croatia, France, and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and by the President, H.E. Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, speaking in his capacity as the President of Costa Rica.

The Council heard statements by the Special Envoy of the President of Chile, H.E. Mr. Renán Fuentealba, and by the representatives of Mexico, Brazil and Norway.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, presided over by H.E. Mr. Jorge Urbina, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica, the President invited the representatives of Algeria and Benin, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Ecuador, Australia, Switzerland, Argentina, Guatemala, Spain, Pakistan and Colombia.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Archbishop Celestino Migliore.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Austria, Morocco, Canada, Armenia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Qatar, Bolivia, Benin, Algeria and Japan.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/43).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

55th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/63/2) . . . . . [9]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [111]

Joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 9 and 111.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, Myanmar, Swaziland, Singapore, Solomon Islands, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Senegal, Malta, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovenia, Malaysia, Spain, Australia, Mongolia, Uruguay, the Republic of Korea, Turkey, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and South Africa.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Honduras (18 November 2008)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Honduras (18 November 2008)[1]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Acceptance: Republic of Moldova (18 November 2008)[1]

Amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Nairobi, 17 November 2006

Acceptance: Armenia (19 November 2008)[1]

Acceptance: India (18 November 2008)[1]

Acceptance: Republic of Moldova (18 November 2008)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 November 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/390	Item 90 — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/513	Item 131 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Revised estimates relating to the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 for the biennium 2008-2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/526/Corr.1	Item 123 — Human resources management — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/537	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Review of the lump-sum arrangement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.30	Item 107 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Bahrain, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen; amendments to draft resolution A/63/L.8 — Security and climate change [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/63/L.38	Item 47 (c) — Macroeconomic policy questions: external debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Martin Hoppe (Germany), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.7 [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/63/L.39	Item 52 (a) — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/63/L.5/Rev.1	Item 55 (a) — Social development: implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly — Antigua and Barbuda: revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/63/L.30/Rev.1	Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominica, El Salvador and Somalia: revised draft resolution — The right to development [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.38/Rev.1	Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan and Uruguay: revised draft resolution — Protection of migrants [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/63/L.40	Item 52 (b) — Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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